

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

To Develop Supportive Housing (SH) and Related Community Support Services for Individuals, Identified by DMHAS and DDD Who Are Dually Diagnosed with a Developmental Disability and a Mental Illness Who Are On CEPP Status in State Psychiatric Hospitals.

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of Program: Supportive Housing and Community Support Services for Individuals Discharged from State Psychiatric Hospitals Who Are Dually Diagnosed (DD-MI)

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the development of Supportive Housing and related community support services for individuals identified by DMHAS and DDD who are dually diagnosed with a developmental disability and a mental illness who are on CEPP status in State Psychiatric Hospitals.

Amount of funding available: Annualized funding of \$1.68 million, subject to State appropriation, is available statewide to provide enhanced supportive housing and related community support services to serve a minimum of 16 individuals, who are CEPP and have a dual diagnosis (DD-MI). The DMHAS, in partnership with the DDD, will identify the individuals to be served through this funding, and will work with successful applicants in assessing service and support needs for successful community living. It is expected that costs for mental health and/or developmental disability services will be reimbursed through Medicaid and/or the Community Care Waiver (CCW). Priority consideration will be given to those agencies that have already leveraged capital funding and have the ability to place individuals into new supportive housing units by October 31, 2012.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for this Request for Proposal:

The applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit organization or governmental entity and document demonstrable experience in successfully providing community support, rehabilitation, and treatment or housing services for adults with both serious and persistent mental illness and co-existing developmental disabilities.

The applicant must currently meet DMHAS residential licensing standards, or be capable of meeting such standards were a contract to be awarded. In addition, Providers will need to be Qualified Providers through the DDD ICSS (Individual Community Supports & Services) process. The Request for Qualifications questions may be found on the DDD website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/providers/icss.html>. Applicants must indicate in their proposal that they have already completed the ICSS process or that they have applied for the required qualification.

The applicant must be able to demonstrate the ability to provide, or must have experience and success in providing, housing and supportive services in permanent, lease-based housing settings to the targeted dually diagnosed population described in this RFP.

The applicant must be willing to accept into service those individuals identified by the DMHAS and DDD.

The applicant must currently meet, or be able to comply with, the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).

Any fiscally viable corporation, as noted above, which meets the qualifications of the Department of Human Services' Contract Policy and Information Manual, N.J.A.C. 10:3, may apply. A copy of this manual can be accessed from the webpage of the Office of Contract Policy and Management webpage at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ocpm/home/resources/>.

Applicants may contact the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Contract Unit at 609-777-0628 with general questions about the requirements in these manuals.

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to comply with all rules and regulations for any DMHAS program element of service proposed by the applicant.

Non-public applicants must demonstrate that they are incorporated through the New Jersey Department of State and provide documentation of their current non-profit status under Federal 501 (c) (3) regulations, as applicable.

The applicant must be a government entity or a corporation duly registered to conduct business in the State of New Jersey.

Procedure to apply: Effective April 9, 2012, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/info/notices/> or by contacting Al Glebocki at (609)777-0678. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

Mandatory Bidders' Conference: A Mandatory Bidders' Conference will be conducted for interested applicants. All applicants intending to submit a proposal in response to this request must attend the mandatory Bidders' Conference on April 16, 2012. Information regarding the time and location of the bidders' conference may be found in the Request for Proposal. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidders' conference will not be considered.*

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., May 14, 2012. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format. Additionally, one copy of the proposal with an original signature and six hard copies must be submitted. No format other than the PDF and one signed original hard copy and six additional hard copies will be accepted for this RFP.

Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal:

Applicants will be notified no later than **June 18, 2012**.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date